



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 229

LCO No. 3233

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON TORT REFORM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study tort reform. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an
3 examination of various tort reform concepts and medical malpractice
4 issues and their effects on insurance rates and the judicial system.
- 5 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members and shall
6 include representatives of the interests of health care providers,
7 insurance companies and lawyers:
- 8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 9 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 10 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
11 Representatives;
- 12 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 13 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of

14 Representatives;

15 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

16 (7) A judge of the Superior Court, who shall be appointed by the
17 Chief Court Administrator; and

18 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
19 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
20 relating to judiciary, public health and insurance.

21 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
22 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
23 of the General Assembly.

24 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
25 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
26 filled by the appointing authority.

27 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
28 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
29 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
30 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, to be held no later
31 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

32 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to judiciary
34 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

35 (g) Not later than January 15, 2004, the task force shall submit a
36 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
37 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
38 relating to judiciary, public health and insurance, in accordance with
39 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force
40 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 15,
41 2004, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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